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Russian writer calls Central Intelligence Agencies ineffective when gathering data

(NB) — Describing the United States Central Intelligence Agency as a "hoax," Lev Navrozov, Russian emigrant and writer, said the intelligence agencies of Great Britain, Germany and the United States have all been ineffective in their attempt to get intelligence data out of totalitarian societies such as the Soviet Union.

The only data the CIA gets out of Russia is what can be observed or watched, according to Navrozov.

"What data they do get is what they purvey, read in Soviet pamphlets, periodicals or newspapers. Then they mark that 'data' top secret. The CIA has never been effective in placing an intelligence STAT in Russia," Navrozov accused.

Navrozov's comments were made at a news conference preceding a lecture Wednesday at SU on the realities of life in Soviet Russia, the history and facts behind the peace movement, and Western ignorance about the Soviets.

"The bureaucracies in the United States which are in charge of defense strategy, intelligence work and other allied fields are less efficient than the bureaucracies in a totalitarian society because the totalitarian democracies are motivated by fear. Their government might shoot them for mismanagement or failure to perform adequately," Navrozov said.

While bureaucracies in a democracy are not motivated by fear, neither are they motivated by profit or any other rewards, Navrozov claimed. He suggests dismantling the CIA and replacing

that organization with a set of competing institutions, some profit and others non-profit, such as universities.

"Just as arms companies are competing to make the best weapons at the cheapest prices, we should have companies competing to produce the best intelligence data on Russia, Cuba and other totalitarian societies at the cheapest price."

Navrozov said there is no solution within the framework of the Soviet regime to their poverty, so therefore, the USSR must give some dream to its population.

"The people in Russia cannot pursue their individual dreams as we do here in America, so they have been

convinced they are to be the conquerors of the world, the master race," Navrozov said.

In 1982, Navrozov said, the Soviet economy produced 147 million tons of steel, while the United States produced only 66 million tons.

"Russia's steel is not being used for commercial purposes as in the United States, but for military use."

Navrozov's one-week lecture tour in North Dakota last week was funded by the North Dakota Humanities Council and the Intercollegiate Studies Institute, Inc., a private conservative organization. The SU lecture was partially funded by Campus Attractions.